

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **January 30, 2007**. The Office Action rejected claims 12-14 and 19-24 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,506,211 (hereinafter Skubitz). Instant base claims 12 and 24 recite a stent having peak portions which are adjacent to bent peak portions and which are located at a position less distal than the bent peak portions and more distal than the trough portions. Skubitz does not disclose this limitation. This lack of disclosure can be clearly seen in Skubitz's FIG.s 1-3 (which were cited in the Office Action) which show bent peak portions which are no more distal than the peaks they are adjacent to. For at least this reason the rejection is traversed.

Conclusion

Based on the previous remarks, Applicant respectfully submits this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 12-14 and 19-24 (in addition to already allowed claims 1-6, 9-11, and 15-18) are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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